(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (e) There have been reports in newspapers about BPO employees facing stressful situation. The working conditions in the Business Process Outsourcing Companies are largely regulated by the provisions of the Shops and Establishments Act, of the respective State Governments. The working hours of BPO employees are governed by the provisions of Shops and Establishments Act enacted and implemented by the State Governments. The State Governments which are the "Appropriate Governments" under various labour laws for BPOs, are legally vested with powers to deal with violations of labour laws. Since labour laws are already applicable to BPOs and are regulated accordingly, Ministry of Labour & Employment has no proposal to appoint a regulator for BPO Companies. If specific complaints are received about the employees being made to work for longer hours, leading to stress, the matter will be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

Definition of Indirect Foreign Shareholding

*96. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has suggested a significant relaxation of the definition of indirect foreign shareholding;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Foreign investment in an Indian Company investing in another Indian company is referred to as indirect foreign shareholding in the latter Indian company. Government has separately notified the policy for calculating foreign investment in Investment Companies in Infrastructure/ Service Sectors attracting sectoral caps; Telecom Sector; Uplinking of TV Channels and Insurance Sector. The FDI policy including notified guidelines is reviewed on a continuous basis for further simplification/harmonisation.

World Bank aid for upgradation of ITIs

*97. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has been providing aid for the upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs);

(b) if so, details of the scheme;

(c) whether the World Bank has given the aid under certain terms and conditions;

(d) if so, the details of such conditions;

(e) the ITIs identified for such upgradation and on what basis; and

(f) the stakes of the State Government in the upgradation of such ITIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Government of India has taken up Vocational Training Improvement Project for upgradation of 400 Government

Industrial Training Institutes located in 34 States/UTs into Centres of Excellence at a total cost of Rs. 1581 crores out of which the World Bank has approved a credit of US $ 280 million (equivalent to Rs. 1231 crore) towards the Central share. The scheme envisages introduction of multi-skilling courses during the first year followed by advanced/specialized modular courses in the second year. Industry-wise cluster approach, multi-entry and multi-exit provisions and Public-Private Partnership in the form of Institute Management Committee (IMC) has been adopted to ensure greater and active involvement of industry in all aspects of training. The main thrust of the programme is to provide appropriate infrastructure, equipment, update syllabi and introduce new courses in the ITIs. The other major activities to be taken up under VTIP includes training of trainers, curriculum development, Instructional Media development reform studies and support for innovations.

(c) and (d) The World Bank has approved a credit of US $ 280 million repayable in a period of 25 years commencing from the year 2017. The service charges on the withdrawn credit balance shall be equal to three-fourth of one per cent (0.75%) per annum.

(e) Out of 400 ITIs to be upgraded, 218 ITIs have been identified so far by the State Government in proportion to number of their total Government ITIs.

(f) The funding pattern between the Central Government and the State Government will be in the ratio of 75:25 for all States except the States of North Eastern region where the funding will be in the ratio of 90:10. The total cost of the project is Rs. 1581 crore out of which Rs. 1231 crore is the central share and Rs. 350 crore is the State share.

Change in Advertisement Policy

†*98. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering broad changes in present policy regarding giving advertisements in newspapers;

(b) if so, the details of new proposal regarding advertisement policy; and

(c) by when this would be implemented in the country by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Government has evolved a New DAVP Advertisement Policy with effect from 2nd October, 2007 and a copy of the same is placed as Statement-I (*See* below). The said Policy is also posted on DAVP website at *www.davp.nic.in*

(c) The New DAVP Advertisement Policy came into effect from 2nd October, 2007.

Statement-I

New DAVP Advertisement Policy

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity

New Advertisement Policy [With Effect From 2nd October, 2007]

Clause-I

The Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP) is the nodal agency of the Government of India for advertising by various Ministries and organizations of Government of India including public sector undertakings and autonomous bodies. The primary objective of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.